

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 12/02/2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 7:00 PM Present: Byron Lewis, Greg Brimhall, Reid Stinnett, Travis Kay (left the meeting at 7:33), Joe Bjornn (arrived at 7:24); absent: Mark Sheen, Cory Johnson; Staff Present: Brian Richards, Katie Melser, Ella McAdams, Bruce Meyer, Chief Martin**

2. **PRAYER/PLEDGE Ruby Shelley/Ramon Mercer**

*Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Kay to move the Call to the Public after the action items in 5 and 6.
Motion passed; unanimous with Bjornn, Sheen, and Johnson absent*

3. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

A Recognition of Ramon Mercer promotion to Sergeant

Chief Martin- Personally thank Ramon for his work in the 4 years he's been here; he comes from a long line of Snowflake people.

Mercer's wife pinned his Sergeant badge on him.

Mercer thanked the council for the support they give the department and looks forward to representing the towns of Snowflake and Taylor.

4. **CALL TO PUBLIC – *moved to after items 5 and 6***

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed below are considered routine. The Consent Agenda is considered a single item and may be approved by a single motion. Any single item removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Council may be considered as a separate item.

A Council Minutes Dated November 4, 2025

B Council Worksession Minutes Dated November 4, 2025

C November Check Register

D Financial Report

E Consideration of manhole replacement on 4th South with bid from Apache Underground and Excavating, LLC for \$59,280.

Motion by Kay, 2nd by Stinnett to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous with Bjornn, Sheen, and Johnson absent

6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A Nexus Coalition Presentation

Vicky Solomon presented; honored to be one of the non-profits that will benefit from the Giving Machine this year. The donations received will help with education, free naloxone, and community outreach. Love serving the community in this capacity with Nexus Coalition.

Our staffer, Destiny Hall, has an online support group for family members of those with addiction, every Thursday from 5-6:30pm

Brimhall- thank you for what you're doing

Lewis- appreciate that Nexus provides the naloxone for our police department

B Consideration of roadway improvements to McLaws Rd and Rodeo Rd west of Centennial

Brian presented the options for improvements to the High Desert Park by improving roadways. There have been talks with several land owners in the area for a public/private partnership. McLaws would be a new access road, but the main access road would be Rodeo Road, with bathrooms, etc.

Lewis- think we should approve tonight, conditioned on obtaining the rows and easements from the landowners

Kay- these improvements are beneficial; giving us more access makes utilizing the park easier because of access

Fenstermaker- will all the homeowners in the area allow the public access? What size will the public access portion be?

Brian- the roadway will be 50 ft with utility public easement; it will be a 24 ft engineered road. We'll do these areas in phases, Rodeo first and then McLaws since we'll need to make some improvements first and also get the easements recorded.

A citizen asked where the parking will be and it was indicated as a portion just south of Rodeo Rd.

Stinnett- can you identify the donated land? Brian showed the areas on the map.

Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Stinnett to approve the improvements to the park as presented, with the conditions of gathering all the Right of Ways and easements. Motion passed; unanimous with Bjornn, Sheen, and Johnson absent

C Consideration and discussion of establishing a paved multi-use path along the south side of Rodeo Rd from SR77 heading west for approximately two miles and connecting with the established Cottonwood wash paved multi-use path.

We have a paved trail that borders the wash that goes all the way from 7th S in Snowflake to papermill road in Taylor.

We got a 1 million grant from ADOT for sidewalks and drainage along the south side of rodeo road; then we'd like to also add a multi-use trail along the south side of rodeo road. Estimated cost for this is 200,000; Arizona Parks has given us other grants and we think we'll be able to get 100,000 from them for this project.

McAdams- have you considered safety concerns for crossing Centennial?

Brian- tomorrow is a kick off meeting for the design of Centennial; he'll ask them to incorporate a safety crossing into the design.

Motion by Stinnett, 2nd by Lewis to approve the establishment of the paved multi-use path as presented. Motion passed; unanimous with Bjornn, Sheen, and Johnson absent

Joe Bjornn arrived at 7:24

D Consideration of masonry block wall bids for the Town yard at Hillcrest and Sandtrap Ln.

We have a chain link fence here now, the council would like to get masonry walls there instead. Received local bids to make the wall match the wall that is already there?

Angie Daniel- is there still plans to create vegetation for landscaping? And will the block wall be 8 ft? yes

Motion by Brimhall, 2nd by Bjornn to give the Town Manager authority to enter into a contract with one for the contractors for this project. Motion passed; unanimous with Sheen and Johnson absent

E Consideration of street closure at SR77 and 1st North directly south of the Freeman Home for the Giving Machines event lasting from December 17th, 2025, to January 2nd, 2026.

We've done this the last two years. This helps with safety attending and better access. More local charities are on the machine this year, it is exciting.

Motion by Stinnett, 2nd by Lewis to approve the street closure at SR77 and 1st N, as presented. Motion passed; unanimous with Sheen and Johnson absent

7. **CALL TO PUBLIC – moved to after items 5 and 6**

Faith Trembly- manager of the Senior Center- grateful for the council, especially for sponsoring the tables for the thanksgiving dinners; grateful for the town paying for the turkeys; pleasure to serve with all of you during the meal; inflation has hit them hard, but the contribution from the town has helped to sustain their center. Christmas dinner is 12/18 and would like to invite you to serve again, at 11:30 AM; special thanks to Reid as our representative to the senior center

Travis Kay left at 7:33 pm

Brimhall update- lighting was awesome, most people we've ever had

Bjornn update- had a booth set up and within 30 minutes 250 cookies were already gone; great to see Main street lit up with; recognize the Willis's that decorate the light poles down country club drive

Stinnett update- met some people in Show Low that said they attend our bike park at least weekly, they would like some info that we can share so people know where it is; the bike park is a great asset to bring people to our community; even though he's a transplant, he considers himself to be from Snowflake

Lewis update- Senior Center lunch was great, look forward to helping again; support all the activities during the December schedule

8. **ADJOURNMENT 7:46 pm**